

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 5, 7, 14 and 15 as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

a storing device for storing a state value to indicate whether display of an image captured is requested or not;

a taking lens movable between a first focus position in which a far distance object is in-focus condition and a second focus position in which a near distance object is in-focus condition;

an image sensing device for sensing an optical subject image formed by the taking lens;

a display device for displaying a subject image sensed by the image sensing device; and

a controller for driving the taking lens to a third focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views before display by the display device is started, wherein said driving of the taking lens is performed when power supply to the camera is started and the controller automatically starts driving of the display device after performing said driving of the taking lens if the controller determines that the state value indicates the display is requested when the power supply to the camera is started.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A camera as claimed in claim 5, wherein said controller is further configured to drive said taking lens to said focus position when driving of the display device is instructed to start and before actual display by the display device is started.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A camera as claimed in claim 7, wherein the display device is instructed to start to drive by manually operating an operation member.

10. -12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A camera body as claimed in claim 14, wherein the display device receives the image from a taking unit comprising a taking lens and an image sensing device for sensing an image formed by the taking lens, and

wherein the controller performs said controlling by setting the taking lens at a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views.

14. (Currently Amended) A camera body to be used with a taking lens which is movable between a first focus position in which a far distance object is in-focus condition and a second focus position in which a near distance object is in-focus condition, said camera body comprising:

a storing device for storing a state value to indicate whether display of an image captured is requested or not;

a display device for displaying an image captured; and

a controller for controlling image taking so that a captured image through the taking lens becomes substantially in-focus condition for distant to close-range views before automatically starting the display of the captured image by the display device, wherein said controlling is performed when power supply to a camera including the camera body is started if the controller determines that the state value indicates the display is requested.

15. (Currently Amended) A camera body as claimed in claim 14, wherein said controller controls image taking so that said in-focus condition is substantially obtained ~~[[upon]]~~ when driving of the display device is instructed to start and before actual display by the display device is started.

16. (Previously Presented) A display control method in a digital camera having a display device, comprising the steps of

determining, based on a stored state value, whether display of an image captured is requested or not when power supply to the camera is started;

if the stored state value indicates the display is requested when the power supply to the camera is started, automatically driving a taking lens to a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views; and

when the display is requested, after the taking lens has reached said focus position, automatically starting the display of an image taken through the taking lens situated at said focus position.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said state value is settable.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said step of displaying occurs automatically.